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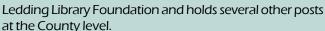
## **Uncorking civic spirit**

While working as the State of Oregon's Legislative Counsel, Greg Chaimov was not allowed to take part in civic affairs.

He dutifully obliged, but when he left that post last November Greg burst onto Milwaukie's scene and has been one of the community's most valued volunteers.

"I don't know if it's like a bottle with its cork taken off," Greg says with a bit of a smile, "but that's probably a part of it."

Greg, who moved to Milwaukie in May of 2005, is now the Vice Chair of the Island Station Neighborhood Association, the Vice Chair of the Ledding Library Board, the Director of the



Greg says he's chosen the Library as the primary focus of his attention because he's an avid reader and respects the Library's roll in the community.

As Director of the Ledding Library Foundation he's been dedicating his expertise in law to set up the legal framework for the organization so it can begin its work planning and providing for the physical future of Ledding Library. Once up and running the Foundation will begin seeking donations for future Library expansions and capital improvements.

"The Library needs to grow with the City ... and continue to be the cultural keystone of the community," Greg said.

# **Commissioners table Clearwater decision**

Wanting to provide more time for public education and input on the Clearwater Project the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners decided after a pair of public hearings on August 11<sup>th</sup> to extend public written testimony before making a decision.

The Commissioners are expected to make a decision regarding the regional wastewater treatment plan on Thurs., Sept. 1st at 10 a.m. during the weekly Board of County Commissioners public meeting.

To check on the status of the decision, check the City's website at www.cityofmilwaukie.org.

According to the Clearwater Project implementation plan, both the Kellogg Creek wastewater treatment plant in Please see **Clearwater** on page 2

### 99E project underway

The work on McLoughlin Boulevard is in full swing and crews are tackling the expansion work on the west side of the roadway before they move to the east side. The project spans between Harrison and Washington Streets, and will take about 13 months to complete.

Work on the west side includes moving utility polls and expanding the roadway by about 16 feet to accommodate the system's additional bike lanes, sidewalks, and planted median strips. While on the west side crews will have to shut down bike and pedestrian access around the Riverfront between Jefferson and Harrison Streets. Bike and pedestrian traffic will be diverted into the Downtown area on either Washington or Jefferson Streets, sent along Main Street up to Milport where people can cross McLoughlin at a signal-protected crossing to 17th Avenue.

The route will be well-signed to guide traffic. Work on the west side will last until about January of '06. The Jefferson Boat Ramp area will remain open throughout the project. During this first phase there will be no lane closures.

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## Sports fields clear final hurdle

On August 16<sup>th</sup> City Council approved a pair of applications that will dramatically upgrade the sports facilities at North Clackamas Park.

Milwaukie's Planning Commission had approved a site plan for the park on July 12<sup>th</sup> but some surrounding neighbors were not happy with the plan. Staff from Clackamas County and the North Clackamas Park District met with the neighbors and together crafted a new plan that was presented to Milwaukie's City Council.

The pair of applications adopted by Council on August 16<sup>th</sup> amends the plan approved by the Planning Commission and represent a plan supported by the area's sports groups and neighbors.

The plan includes four new lighted,

Please see **Park** on page 2



# A summer full of change & excitement

This month's Councilor Column is written by Carlotta Collette. To contact Carlotta call (503) 786-7511 or send an email to collettec@ci.milwaukie.or.us.



This has been a summer for changes in Milwaukie, but in important ways, people here are the same as they have been, except a lot more hopeful.

The governor was here in June to help take down the last buildings that blocked our creation of Riverfront Park. Drive down McLoughlin Boulevard today and you will see the river like you haven't

been able to in ages. In just over a year, the Boulevard itself will be transformed. Trees will line new sidewalks and bike lanes. Soon Riverfront Park will take shape.

In August, we broke ground for North Main Village. Just a block away from Riverfront Park will be a new community with stores and restaurants and over a hundred new neighbors. Folks are signing up already to purchase or rent a home downtown and close to the river.

Summer in Milwaukie also means the weekly events that bring us out to celebrate together. Every Thursday evening in August, I joined hundreds of people at the Ardenwald Neighborhood Family Concerts. Others gathered weekly downtown at Scott Park. Clearly, we are people who love music. But we also love just getting together in a park with our neighbors, even if we don't much talk to the person in the lawn chair next to ours. We smile and nod, and that, plus the music, is enough to make us feel pretty good.

Then there's the Sunday Farmers Market and its newest feature, the Milwaukie Neighborhood Booth, where folks can learn about all the projects under way right now. In trying to answer questions about what's going on, I've learned a lot. So much is happening that it's hard to keep track. Isn't that a good problem to have?

People in Milwaukie keep telling me how frankly relieved they are that our City is starting to come alive again. The fact that our property values are rising faster than anywhere in the metropolitan area is just one sign.

People used to say nothing ever happens here. Well it's happening now, and we can all be proud.

#### Clearwater from page 1

Milwaukie and the Tri-City wastewater treatment plant in Oregon City are reaching capacity and require significant upgrades to meet water quality standards.

Under the Clearwater Project, the Kellogg Creek plant would be decommissioned by the year 2010 and flows rerouted to the expanded plant in Oregon City. The expanded Clearwater facility in Oregon City will provide higher water quality through modern technology, the opportunity to restore the flood plane forest, public amenities such as ball fields, and lower operating costs through partners and shared facilities.

## Citizen survey refined; to be sent this month

Last month's Pilot reported a City-wide survey gauging people's preferences for the future of Milwaukie Riverfront Park would be sent out in early August. But because City Council wanted to tighten up a couple of the survey's features so the collected data would more clearly indicate the wishes of the community, the surveys are being re-worked and will be sent out in September.

The surveys will show what the park looks like today, how the area is portrayed in the City's Comprehensive Plan, and the two concept plans that have been forwarded to Council by the citizen-based Milwaukie Riverfront Board. On a separate panel that can be torn off and mailed back to the City free of postage, the survey will ask residents which of the two concepts they like better, and which amenities they most want to see at Milwaukie Riverfront Park.

Keep an eye out for it and please respond, as the data collected will help inform what this incredibly important asset will look like in the future.

# Library offers children's programs & lots of fun

The Ledding Library is a hot spot for Children's activities. Check out these FREE programs for September:

Saturday, Sept. 10 at 2 p.m. – Storyteller Will Hornyak. "Windows to the World" includes Native American myths, Middle Eastern fables, and American tall tales for all ages. The Ledding Library always has something going on for its younger patrons. In May the Library hosted an Insect Petting Zoo.

Thursday, Sept. 29
at 4 p.m. – Talk back to books:
a book group for youth ages 10 & up. This is the kick-off meeting for the new school year.

For more information please call (503) 786-7580.

#### Park from page 1

tournament-grade softball/baseball fields, a concessions facility, an ADA acceptable walking path, a tot-lot play area, new restrooms, and an expanded parking lot. One of the ball fields can accommodate a youth soccer field and the existing horse arena will remain.

The Parks District will obtain its permits for construction this winter and will begin work next spring. Depending on how well the weather cooperates, the complex is hoped to be built and grow the fields throughout next summer and be ready for action by the spring of '07.



# Learn about your watershed

The Johnson Creek Watershed Council (JCWC) invites all to attend its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Open House & Silent Auction on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the JCWC's offices at 1900 SE Milport Road.

The event will feature live music, food and drink and a silent auction. Robin Cody, local author of "Ricochet River" and "Voyage of a Summer Sun", which recounts a summer spent solo canoeing the Columbia River from its mouth to the Pacific, a journey that took 82 days, is the event's quest speaker.

For more information call (503) 652-7477.

# North Main breaks ground

While Developer Tom Kemper and Mayor James Bernard took the first ceremonial shovel-full of dirt to kick-off the North Main Village Project on Aug. 15<sup>th</sup>, the real digging will take place in early September.

The project has created a lot of buzz both in and outside of Milwaukie. Many people already on the list of interested persons for the project's retail and residential units.

At the time of print pricing had not been set due to the fact floor plans had not been finalized.

Tom Kemper & Mayor James Bernard

However, those who wish to add their names to the list of interested parties are asked to email Erin O'Neil of Meadows Group Realty at eko@meadowsgroup.com or to call her at (503) 888-7023.

### Show your artistic side! Help nab illegal parkers

The City's Manhole Cover Design Contest is drawing some great attention and a common question a lot of people have posed is just when do people have to return their designs.

The due date has been set for Oct. 1st, but is largely dependent on the number of submissions the City receives. For those unfamiliar with the contest, this is a chance for area residents to design a manhole cover and have it displayed at more than 1,500 different locations throughout the entire City for probably over the next 100 years.

Those interested in participating can grab an entry form off of the City's webpage at www.cityofmilwaukie.org, can pick one up at the Neighborhood Booth at the Sunday Farmer's Market or at City Hall and the Ledding Library.

If you have any questions, please call Information Coordinator Grady Wheeler at (503) 786-7503.

## **Help local students**

The school year is just around the corner and the City of Milwaukie is asking residents to donate school supplies to help make sure some of the students who could use a little help are well equipped and ready to learn.

Things like pencils, pens, binders, crayons and loose-leaf paper can be dropped off at the Ledding Library (10660 SE 21st Ave.), at the Johnson Creek Boulevard Facility (6101 SE Johnson Creek Blvd.) and at City Hall (10722 SE Main St.).

Once collected the donated supplies will be delivered to the schools of North Clackamas School District No. 12. In the last year volunteers cracking down on people who illegally park in disabled parking spots wrote 311 citations and handed out 437 warnings.

The program has been such a success the Milwaukie Police Department is looking for four or five more volunteers. Those interested are asked to call Sergeant Mark Dye at (503) 786-7494. Prospective volunteers undergo a background check and work with current volunteers to see if they're interested in pursuing the program. If so, volunteers undergo a 6 to 8 hour training session focusing on relevant laws, proper procedures, courtroom testimony and dealing with difficult people. The Police Department is looking for people with flexible schedules and who can volunteer ay least 10 hours a month.

### The City Code Corner

Written by: Les Hall, Code Enforcement Coordinator

To beat the heat of summer many of us like to enjoy the outdoors. And what outdoor activities would be complete without the addition of a boat or recreational vehicle? Now the question is: where are we going to park the toys for the summer since we use them a lot? Well, while I can't necessarily tell you where, I can tell you where not.

Under our Municipal Ordinance it's not allowed to store a recreational vehicle, including boats, in the public right of way. The codes states: "No recreational vehicles or private pleasure crafts shall be parked or stored in the public right-of-ways."

Now this doesn't mean you can't stop by the house to pick something up with your boat attached; you just can't park your boat at the curb for a period of time; like next weekend. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (503) 786-7564.

### AROUND TOWN

The Around Town section gives elected Neighborhood Leaders an opportunity to interpret issues facing their community as well as promote greater neighborhood involvement. As a result of this open forum the opinions presented may not always represent the attitudes of the City or of the author's entire Neighborhood. The Pilot and its participating Neighborhood Officers welcome your feedback. Please see page six for contact information.

#### LEWELLING

Written by Jeff Klein, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept. 1st, 6:30 p.m. Where: Lewelling Elementary

I am pleased to announce the State of Oregon has authorized the funding of our community park. This has been more than six years in the making and there are so many people that deserve thanks.

It may be easier to thank all the citizens, staff and officials of Milwaukie as we all have somehow played a part in this park. I would especially like to acknowledge the efforts of Art Ball, JoAnn Herrigel and the late Jean Michel. Long after their hard work is forgotten, this park will still be a place where families will go, play and grow.

So much change is happening in Milwaukie. McLoughlin Blvd., North Main, the new Safeway and the Three Bridges Project to name a few are all in the works right now. If I listen to the TV pundits, "People don't like change".

This made me think the future of Milwaukie is what I am told our City was 40 years ago. Back when our waterfront was more than a sewer treatment plant, before McLoughlin Blvd. was more than a highway for commuters and when our Downtown didn't close up business at 5 p.m.

Right now our City is not changing but

rather on the cusp of changing back. Think about it, a few years ago our Neighborhood had a drug house. Over the last six years the City bought the land and our neighbors cleaned it up. With hard work and determination they convinced the state to reward us with the lottery funds to create a park.

We took a bad place and changed it back to something good. You can help



Lewelling Chair Jeff Klein (right) has been a frequent contributor at the Neighborhood Booth at the Sunday Farmer's Market

too. We need to come up with a new project. I think a sidewalk on Logus Road is a great project for us all to get behind. Are sidewalks on a school street too much to ask for?

Get involved, don't wonder what's going on, be a part of what's going on. I'll see you at the next meeting.

#### LAKE ROAD

Written by Debby Patten, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. Where: Clackamas ESD

As usual, we've had a busy summer even though we haven't held our Neighborhood Meeting since June. We won third place with our float entry in the parade in July and had a great picnic at

Century Park in August.

As the summer winds down, I am readying myself to take the reins of Chairperson from the capable hands of Bob Moore. I'd like to thank Bob at this time for his years of service to our Neighborhood Association. I hope he will continue to volunteer his time and mentor me in my new role.

Kathy Buss and Kathy Wilke will be our new Treasurer and Secretary. Susanna Pai will remain the Cochair. I know they will all be great supports for me and I look forward to working with them.

At future meetings I would like to have someone come and speak because there is a lot going on in our City right now.

If you have anyone you would like to specifically hear from or any project you'd like more information on, please let me know. Everyone in the City is great about sharing information and would welcome the chance to attend our meetings. Hope to see you there!

#### **ISLAND STATION**

Written by Lisa Batey, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

So much for a quiet summer! Two major construction (McLoughlin and North Main) projects were launched in August, and with any luck by the time you read this, the County Commissioners will have voted to consolidate sewage treatment at Tri-Cities and decommission Kellogg Creek.

If you haven't seen the details on these and other projects, stop by the City booth at the Farmer's Market, where plans are on display and flyers are available.

Thanks to those who came out for our "Night Out" picnic on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Attendance was lower than last year, but the weather, music, food and company were all fine!

September brings more than just "back to school" — we resume our Neighborhood meetings on Sep. 15th, and have to make decisions that night about grants for Spring Park, for traffic calming measures, etc. for the coming quarter. I hope to have news on those and other topics that neighbors have raised, including the idling trains and the removal of the house on Eagle. I also have some interesting news from ODOT about the McLoughlin/River Road intersection, so come to the meeting to find out more.

### AROUND TOWN

#### HISTORIC MILWAUKIE

Written by Ed Zumwalt, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept.12th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Milwaukie City Hall

In this available space I'd like to thank some of the people who made July's **RIVERFEST** possible.

First, thanks to our sponsors: **Providence Milwaukie** • *Presenting Sponsor* • **Bob's Red Mill**, *Parade* • **Mill End Store**, *Fireworks* • **Papa Murphy's**, *Stage Entertainment* • **ODS**, *Dragonboats*; **Clackamas Review**, *Media* 

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Just a few of the many dozens of people who stepped for-

ward to help us: Councilman Joe Loomis, Volunteer Coordinator

● Art Ball, Many hours in various roles ● Sharon Van Horn, Multi-Tasker ● Frank Higuera, Roving Troubleshooter ● Ray Bryan, Dragon Boat Do-It-All ● Terrie Darling, Dragon Race Director

Thanks also to City Staff: JoAnn Herrigel, Grady Wheeler, Kelly Somers, Sergeant John Hipes, and Beth Ragel.

There were so many more ... we're searching a way to get together for a group thank-you.

We were cutback to a one day event this year because of uncertainty about the McLoughlin Boulevard project, and we'll just have to wait and watch progress on it before we can make plans for next year.

Again, thank you all who participated in so many ways and on so many levels to make the event happen. This is an example of what can be accomplished when Milwaukie pulls together.

#### ARDENWALD/J.C.

Written by Lisa Gunion-Rinker & Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, Co-Chairs

NEXT MEETING'S INFO: When: Sept.13th, 6:30 p.m. Where: Ardenwald Elem.

Hello folks! By the time you read this, our always successful August concert series will be over. We'd like to thank all the fabulous groups who performed, and give them a warm hand of applause!

We'd also like to thank the Milwaukie High School Dance Team for their hard work at the concerts to raise money for their dance program, our resident artists who attended the concerts to provide information about the Portland Open Studios Artist Walk coming this October, and to all our sponsors who really make these Neighborhood Summer Concerts shine.

Finally, the Neighborhood gives special thanks to the City of Milwaukie for

providing the City Information Booth at our concerts.

It helped many neighbors find out about what is going on around town and connect them to their community. Thank you everyone!

September Neighborhood Meeting: Come get information, get involved, and discuss the issues with your neighbors. We have many topics to discuss that are of concern to everyone in our neighborhood:

- Wal-Mart
- Tri-Met/Transit
- Three-Bridges Project
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Project
- Traffic discussion and concerns
- Ardenwald/JC Planting Party with plant/seed exchange

Have a great summer and we'll see you



The Ardenwald Summer Concerts were a great success - thanks to all who participated.

at the meeting in September!

Please contact Lisa Gunion-Rinker at 503-659-7807 or Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno at 503-653-7800 with any questions, or visit: www.ardenwald.org.

#### LINWOOD

Written by Dolly Macken Hambright, Chair

**NEXT MEETING'S INFO:** 

Here's hoping we've all had a great summer and have renewed our enthusiasm for Milwaukie affairs this fall!

We will be discovering what has been happening in our neighborhood and across the town at our September 8th meeting (see details below).

It appears that the Panatonni Development is moving forward with all due speed and Highway 99 at the Riverfront is "under construction" as is the work for the North Main Project.

The ball field construction at North Clackamas Park has been approved this summer, as well. We will have someone on hand from the Planning Department to offer status and updates on these and other issues.

Remember that the only way we can make a difference in our city is to become involved!

Hope to see you at the September 8th meeting, 7 p.m., Linwood Elementary School Library.

#### HECTOR CAMPBELL

Written by David Aschenbrenner, Chair NEXT MEETING'S INFO:

When: Sept.12th, 6:30 p.m. • Where: Public Safety Bldg.



#### City Events Calendar

#### September 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MCH - Milwaukie City Hall, 10722 SE Main Street PSB - Public Safety Building, 3200 SE Harrison Street JCB - Public Works Building, 6101 SE Johnson Creek Bivd.	CITY OF				10:00am Milwaukie Center/Community Advisory Board (MC)	
MC - Milwaukie Center, 5440 SE Kellogg Creek Drive LED - Ledding Library, 10660 SE 21st Avenue	MILWAUKIE			1	2	3
Milwaukie Farmers' Market! 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Across from City Hall		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)	Geason Finalel  Historic Milwaukie Summer Concert Series at Scott Park Noon, Next to the Ledding Library	7:00pm Lewelling NDA, (Lewelling Elementary)		Coffee With Council Public Safety Building 8 a.m. Storytelling at Ledding Library 10 a.m., See page 2 for details
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Milwaukie Farmers' Market!	6:30pm Historic Milwaukie NDA, (MCH) 7:00pm Hector Campbell	6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH) 6:30pm Ardenwald/	6:30pm Lake Road NDA, (Clackamas ESD)	6:00pm Riverfront Board (MCH) 7:00pm Linwood NDA,		
9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Across from City Hall	NDA, (PSB)	Johnson Creek NDA, (Ardenwald Elementary)		(Linwood Elementary)		
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Milwaukie Farmers' Market! 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Across from City Hall		5:30pm City Council Work Session, (MCH) 7:00pm City Council Regular Session, (MCH)		6:30pm Island Station NDA, (Milwaukie Grange) 6:00pm Public Safety Advisory		
18	19	20	21	Committee(PSB)	23	24
Milwaukie Farmers' Market! 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Across from City Hall	6:30pm Ledding Library Board, (LED)	6:30pm Planning Commission (MCH) 7:00pm Parks and	Youth Book Club at Ledding Library 4 p.m., See page 2 for details			
25	26	Recreation Board (MCH) 27	28	29	30	

#### NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION INFORMATION

#### ARDENWALD AND JOHNSON CREEK

Meetings held on second Tuesdays 6:30 p.m., Ardenwald Elementary CoChair, Lisa Gunion Rinker, (503) 659-7807 CoChair, Cheryl Ausmann-Moreno, (503) 653-7800

#### **HECTOR CAMPBELL**

Meetings held on second Mondays 7:00 p.m., Public Safety Building Chair, David Aschenbrenner, (503) 654-4258 email: dlasch@comcast.net

#### **HISTORIC MILWAUKIE**

Meetings held on second Mondays 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie City Hall Chair, Ed Zumwalt, (503) 654-2493

email: PEMCZUM@aol.com

#### **ISLAND STATION**

Meetings held on third Thursdays 6:30 p.m., Milwaukie Grange Chair, Lisa Batey, (503) 353-1825 email: lisabatey@msn.com

#### **LAKE ROAD**

Meetings held on second Wednesdays 6:30 p.m., Clackamas ESD

Chair, Debby Patten, (503) 653-7908

#### **LEWELLING**

Meetings held on first Thursdays 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary Chair, Jeff Klein, (503) 653-8639 email: jeff@jkws.com

#### **LINWOOD**

Meetings held on second Thursdays 7:00 p.m., Lewelling Elementary

Chair, Dolly Macken Hambright, (503) 659-8908

#### Meeting Broadcast Information Channel 30: NEW!

#### **City Council Work Sessions:**

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 1 a.m., 5 a.m., 1 p.m., 8 p.m. Tues., Thurs.: 5 a.m., 9 a.m., 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 11 p.m.

Sat., Sun.: 6 a.m., 1 p.m., 9 p.m.

#### City Council Regular Sessions:

Mon., Wed., Fri.: 9 a.m., 4 p.m., 2:30 p.m.,

Tues., Thurs.: 1 a.m., 1 p.m.., 7 p.m. Sat., Sun.: 2 a.m., 10 a.m., 5 p.m.

The City of Milwaukie looks forward to any questions or suggestions you might have. Please drop us a line or give us a call.



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